1359. [*Transferred to 11th March, 1993*].

Agriculture Development Project in Assam

1360. SHRI TARA CHARAN MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that the Agriculure Development Project in Assam would be posed for world Bank assistance; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b) Assam Agricultural Development Project with World Bank assistance is at formulation stage. Certain pre-project studies are in progress for developing Agricultural Strategy Paper and identification of investment proposals. Project formulation final detailing and appraisal, negotiation with the World Bank would take one year approximately.

Arahar Crop in Karnataka

1361. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Arahar (Tur) is grown extensively in Karnataka and in Gulbarga District alone and the area under Arahar crop is more than 2,36,000 hectares;

(b) whether Government are also aware that during the last Arahar harvest season, the Arahar growers suffered more than 60 per cent in estimated yield due to severe pest attack (POD) Borer;

(c) whether Government would come to the rescue of the Arahar growers at least to recover the cost of inputs by a one-time grant of Rs. 6.00 crores to save them from the clues of money landers/financial institutions; and

(d) whether Government would also consider establishment of as long term preventive measure, a regional testing and research laboratory at Gulburga to afford protection to plants, under ICAR?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) As per information obtained iron Director of Agriculture Karnataka the likely coverage under Arahar in the current year for the State is 4.49 lakh hectares of which an area of 2.35 lakh hectares is in Gulbarga District.

(b) Yes Sir. As per information given by Director of Agriculture, Karnataka, loss to the extent of 60 per cent of the crop yield is apprehended due to pest attack.

(c) There is such proposal with Government of India.

(d) There is no proposal at present with the ICAR to consider the establishment of a Regional teaching and research laboratory at Gulbarga to afford protection to plants.

कृषि उत्पादो के लिए कृषकों को राजसहायता

1362 **श्री अजीत जोगी :**
श्री छोटूभाई पटेल :

क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या विभिन्न कृषि-उत्पादों पर सरकार द्वारा दी जा रही राज सहायता से कृषकों को होने वाले वास्तिविक लाभ का मूल्यांकन करने हेतु सरकार ने कोई अध्ययन कराया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ; और